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Council Votes Down Youth Office Funding

Representatives from the Office for Youth went before the Shaker City Council at their November 26 meeting to ask for funding. After an hour and a half of discussion, the council voted on 4 motions. They voted down two motions to endorse the concept of the Office for Youth and provide minimal funding and a motion to endorse the concept but provide no funding. Council agreed to ask the Board of Recreation to review the administration of the office and their reporting procedure.

The Office for Youth hoped that the city council would

'79 Graduates Achieve Outstanding Placement

by Dan Rosenbaum

Last year, the class of 1979 continued the Shaker tradition of college-bound students being accepted to the college of their choice. Last year, of the 525 students graduated from Shaker, approximately 83 percent are now at college, and the rest are working or have not enrolled at an university or college.

In the past eleven years, there has been little change in the college-entrance statistics. One hundred thirteen acceptances were received in 1979 from 29 colleges and universities that are considered very selective. All members of the top quarter of the class are attending four-year colleges or universities.

Of the upper half of the class 79 students chose to continue their education in Ohio. State universities in Ohio accepted 117 students, 105 were accepted by Big Ten universities, and 57 were accepted to the Ohio private colleges.

Shaker Heights is very proud of its former students and hopes that future classes continue this tradition.

provide \$18,000, six months of funding, to match the school board's pledge. The council, however, was not ready to allocate money because it had many questions about the administration, role, and plans of the office. School Board member Katherine McWilliams, Jean Ohlenbusch, Director of the Office for Youth, and Linda Lehman, Shaker Heights High School Unit Principal, presented information compiled by the Task Force on Youth to the council. City Council agreed that there is a need for an office for youth in Shaker, but questioned whether it should be a part of the Board of Recreation. Several councilpersons worried that it would simply become an (continued on page 3)



Actor Richard Blake, as Abraham Lincoln, spoke at Shaker High last month. Story on page 3. (Photograph by David Gray)

Outgoing Board Members Predict Future Obstacles, Are Confident of Success

by Greg Epp

Departing Board of Education members Charles Landefeld and Allan Tomlinson foresee many challenges ahead for Shaker schools, but expressed confidence that the board can overcome them. Both men, whose terms will expire December 31, said that they have enjoyed serving on the school board.

Tomlinson listed better elementary integration and increased minority participation in advanced course work as goals for the future. He also said that the school system would have to deal with the problem of finance and with an expected drop in primary school enrollment.

Landefeld affirmed that (continued on page 3)

Shaker Heights' greatest challenge is to meet "the diversity of demands on the schools while maintaining the standards for which Shaker education has always stood." Neither felt that these obstacles were insurmountable.

Landefeld, a lawyer who has served two terms on the school board, did not run for re-election because the Shaker Heights Citizens' Committee has traditionally endorsed candidates no more than two times. "I agree with this policy as a means of getting fresh ideas and fresh viewpoints into the board," Landefeld stated, adding, "I think that the candidates who were elected transfered on page 3)

Four Shaker Seniors Earn Writing Honors

by Heather Dean

Four Shaker students, Dan Berick, Leslie Froelich, Bruce Goldstone, and Ann Walton, were winners in the National Council of Teachers of English contest. The N.C.T.E. sponsors this tournament every year in order to determine the superior student writers in the country.

In their junior year, the students' A.P. English teachers chose them to participate in the contest. In February, the students were required to submit a sample of their polished writing. They were instructed to write an impromptu composition in one hour about an aspect of the arts in May.

The students were required to send the essays into the N.C.T.E. by June. Each piece of work was evaluated by one high school English teacher and one college English professor.

Opinion

A.P. Students Should Have Choice

by Eric Shaffer, Co-Editor-in-chief

Should all Shaker students be required to take the new Global Studies course in ninth grade? The administration recently answered this question affirmatively, yet the effects of this decision remain to be seen. Although the Global Studies course will strengthen Shaker's world history curriculum, the fact that it will be mandatory may prove detrimental to students intending to take AP history at the high school. Aspiring AP students will be all but completely unable to fit Economics into their ninth grade schedules. Considering that the AP history program is already strong in world history, it would seem that Economics, a practical and important course, is more valuable to AP students than is Global Studies.

Students in the AP history program are exposed to a great deal of world history and culture. Advanced History, offered in tenth and eleventh grades, includes study of the Medieval period. AP Modern European History, offered in eleventh and twelfth grades, involves in-depth study of Western Europe as well as the first and second World Wars, the Korean War and Viet Nam.

Economics is a vital study in our society. The basic concepts in economics, presented in the ninth-grade course, help one to understand the complex problems with which our economy is faced and the way in which our economy compares to that of other countries. It is not right that AP students, who will acquire an education in world history at a later date, should be forced to take Global Studies and consequently be deprived of the chance to take Economics.

Having a required world history course in ninth grade is in general a good idea. Shaker students will know and understand the world around them better after taking this course. However, AP students should be able to take Economics without overworking themselves in social studies.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Sir,

While I appreciate the good intentions of the Shaker Weirdo Society, I do not understand how one can be more of an individual by being in a club. I also do not see how forming a club, with membership necessary, helps to break a barrier.

It is true that most, if not all, people discriminate according to action. I don't think forming a club will change this. Is it because people want to feel accepted in the society of the high school that the club was formed? Perhaps the only thing that has changed is that the Shaker Weirdo Society has alienated the student body by making the distinction between Shaker student and Shaker weirdo.

I don't criticize the club for its actions; I think its support at football games is admirable. I do question, however, their reasons for setting themselves apart. Being individualistic involves being oneself, not being what anyone asks or expects one to be. If one considers oneself weird and different, then surely others will, too.

Sincerely, Katherine Kennard

Media Will Announce Snow Closings

WEATHER WARNING and cancellations:

Should severe weather force the closing of schools or cancelling of classes, local radio and TV stations will announce the news on the 11 p.m. and 7 a.m. programs. Parents are requested not to call the schools or Shaker police and fire officials. Listen for news of closings on the broadcast media.

These radio stations have agreed to carry news of closings

AM stations: WBBG, 1260, WGAR, 1220; WWE, 1100; and WJW, 850.

FM stations: WBEA, 107.3; WCLV, 95.5; WDMT,108; WQAL, 104; and **WWWM**, 105.7.

Other radio and television stations will carry the announcements as they are received from the wire services, which are also contacted by school officials.

Opinion

Too Much Power?

by Leslie Froelich

The administrators of Shaker Heights High School possess a degree of power that enable them to tryanize the student body. The fact that the rights of students are so poorly articulated and publicized in this school has allowed their significance to be buried and their meanings to be obscured in the name of interpretation.

At the beginning of the school year, each student received a Shaker calendar and handbook, which contained, among other vignettes, a list of student Rights and Responsibilities. This, though it is the only written code made available to the students, has been couched by the administration in assorted vague phrases that lend themselves to the whimsical interpretations that become the final law of the establishment.

By Ohio law, a "dress code" is prohibited at Shaker. The handbook's statement of the regulation, that clothing shall be "of generally accepted style" and non-disruptive of the learning process, however, has led to the formation of the no-shorts no-hats rule, despite several students' valid protests. The fact is that, using the same arguments, based on the same wording in the handbook. the real law-makers at Shaker High could easily justify the forbiddance of belt buckles or shoelaces. Ridiculous, you say? If you are convinced that the administration would draw the line at imposing such regulations, remember the real point: the fact remains that individual administrators are being left to draw the line on their own, desregarding if they choose, human rights, and impervious to any and all valid objections on the students' part.

The catch - all clauses of the Students' Rights and Responsibilities publication, those which have made the administration untouchable, may be found under "Disciplinary Measures". To start with, a student is informed that he may be punished for actions that include, "but are not limited to" the listed crimes. Apparently, then, anything that strikes a faculty member's fancy could be added to the unwritten list of punishable acts. It seems, too, that the regulations provide no respect for precedent; that which was ignored yesterday may be illegal today. Again, the administration draws the line. Students' insubordination of authorities is generally prohibited, but it can be seen that, through interpretation, almost any act of questioning the faculty or administratory rules or practices could be ruled 'defiant'; the culprit then being subject to exclusionary procedures (punishment).

If we now choose to lose sight of the importance of sustaining a school system in its role within a government, and not as a government itself, if we thus choose to remain oblivious to infringements upon our rights as citizens, we could find ourselves, in the future, allowing and accepting even the most outrageious encroachments upon our rights.

Your Letters

The Shakerite welcomes letters expressing all viewpoints. Letters should be as concise as possible and are subject to editing. All letters must include a signature and advisory group number. Submit letters to Mr. Randall in Room 100 or any Shakerite editor.

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President Lincoln Speaks at Shaker

President Abraham Lincoln visited Shaker Heights High School November 19 in the person of actor Richard Blake. Blake spoke and took audience questions as Lincoln would have done on the eve of his re-election in 1864.

The performance was part of a national tour sponsored by the Lincoln National Life Insurance Company to acquaint people with the principles and heritage of America's sixteenth president and to promote its trademark. The one dollar admission

AFS Sponsors Many Activities

by Dan Schwartz

Each month, the American Field Service sponsors at least one fund-raising activity, as well as some type of social activity. This month it will hold a holiday candy sale and have a caroling party. It also hosted students from Brecksville December 6 and 7.

The American Field Service (A.F.S.) is an international, intercultural program to promote world peace by sening American students to foreign countries and sending foreign students and teachers to America. There is also a program which sends students from one part of the country to another.

A.F.S. has been at Shaker for about 20 years. For the past seven years, the program has been directed by Miss Sally Raymont.

Some Shaker students hoping to visit other countries through A.F.S. include Eric Price, Mary McCord, Susie Tipton, Alison Rosenfeld, Jody Lenkoski, Carrie Graham, and Julie Cook.

Their applications have been sent to the central headquarters in New York.

The club meets twice a month (every other Tuesday) at 7:30 p.m. Anyone interested in joining A.F.S. should talk to Miss Raymont for general information. The only requirements are that you enjoy meeting people, experiencing other cultures, and having a good time.

charged at Shaker benefitted the Shaker High chapter of the Junior Council on World Affairs. The program is normally free.

Blake, a resident of Phoenix, Arizona when not on tour, has been impersonating Lincoln since 1966, when Hal Holbrook's "Mark Twain Tonight" inspired him to create a one-man show of his own.

He began playing the role of Lincoln National Life in January, 1979. Before that time, he had done Lincoln as he was before his election to the presidency, without the famous beard. The question and answer format, he said, is the most challenging part of the new show, since he must be familiar with all aspects of Lincoln's life and era.

Blake had no trouble fielding the questions put to him at Shaker, although he admits to having been stumped by Lincoln trivia buffs before.

After the "President" delivered his talk on his beliefs, early life, and political career, the audience asked him about everything from the wartime economy to his personal exercise program.

Members of the crowd were enthusiastic about Blake's impersonation and impressed by his knowledge and by the realism of his replies. "People often tell me they feel moved back in time," Blake remarked, while signing autographs backstage after the show.

Blake estimated that he has visited 1600 high schools as Youth, the motion to endorse but Lincoln. He will begin a West Coast tour after Christmas.

School Board Members

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(James Berick and Barbara Gray) are just top quality people and will provide this freshness."

Tomlinson decided not to seek a second term because his business activities have prevented him from devoting as much time to the schools as he would have liked. "I regret deeply that I cannot serve another four years," he said, "but I felt it was only fair that I relinquish my post, in the interest of the community." Tomlinson is Exective Vicepresident of Diamond Shamrock Corporation.

The outgoing members feel that the board has been able to achieve much during their term. Both regard the generation of community support and interest as a significant accomplishment. Tomlinson also mentioned his participation in the selection of Dr. Jack P. Taylor as superintendent and the success of the Shaker plan for integration as high points.

Landefeld and Tomlinson each found being a board member pleasurable. Said Landefeld: "It was a joy to work with the

tremendously competent and dedicated staff, both teachers and administrators, to work with young people, and to see what young people in this community are capable of doing." Tomlinson remarked, "It was exciting and enjoyable. As a board member, you get to know all segments of the community; that alone was worth it."

Landefeld spoke highly of the Shaker community and schools, saying, "Shaker is a very unusual community, in terms of the diversity of the population, the standards of friendliness, and the expectation for a high quality of life, in an intellectual sense. People nationwide know Shaker because of the caliber of the educational system and of the kids who come out of it."

Landefeld has two sons, Gordon and Sandy, in the eleventh grade at Shaker High. Four older sons and a daughter also attended Shaker schools. Tomlinson's son Allan is a senior at Shaker, and his daughter Laura a sophomore. A second son, Will, is in the ninth grade at Woodbury Junior High.

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overlapping administrative layer. They felt that if the office were incorporated into an existing structure, such as the Board of Recreation, money would be spent on programs rather than administration.

The city council also questioned whether the Office for Youth would fall under the jurisdiction of the recreation board, of the school board, of the city council. As it is now, the director of the office reports to Percy Clark.

Though the council endorses the concept of the Office for not provide funding for it was defeated. Winston Ritchie asked repeatedly that the motion be

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withdrawn. He felt that such a motion would hamper the office in getting funds from private sources by saying that the city council liked the ideas but would not support it financially.

The Office for Youth is now operating and has enought funding to run for six months. It is a place where young people from all over the city have the opportunity to plan their own activities. The office also serves the 18-21 age group, which seems to be ignored by all other programs. The Office for Youth has begun a volunteer program to tutor in the inner city and offered their services in the Retarded Adult Persons Program at Warrensville Center.

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So Sayeth the Law

by Craig Beresford

"If anything can go wrong, it will."

That's Murphy's Law. Ever since it was first uttered in 1949 by one Captain Ed Murphy, there have been several other such "laws" coined to explain the unassailable realities. Below are printed just a few, taken from the book Murphy's Law by Arthur Bloch.

O'Toole's Commentary on Murphy's Law: Murphy was an

optimist.

Paul's Law: You can't fall off the floor.

The Peter Principle: In a hierarchy every employee tends to rise to his own level of incompetence.

Weiler's Law: Nothing is impossible for the man who doesn't have to do it himself.

Sturgeon's Law: 90 percent of everything is crud.

Hartley's First Law: You can lead a horse to water, but if you

can get him to float on his bac, you've got something.

Churchill's Commentary on Man: Man will occasionally stumble over the truth, but most of the time he will pick himself up and continue on.

Cole's Law: Thinly sliced cabbage.

Williams' Law: People who say money can't buy happiness don't know what happiness is.

SUNY Physics Law: A 15 percent service charge does not preclude bad service.

Captain Penny's Law: You can fool all of the people some of the time, and some of the people all of the time, but can't fool MOM.

The Golden Rule: Whoever has the gold makes the rules.

Cabral's Convention: There's nothing wrong with doing business with someone you can't trust as long as you don't trust him.

Cahn's Axiom: When all else fails, read the instructions.

Murphy's Law of Thermodynamics: Things get worse under pressure.

Pardo's First Postulate: Anything good in life is either illegal, immoral, or fattening.

Pardo's Third Postulate: Don't care if you're rich or not, as long as you can live comfortable and have everything you want.

Crane's Law: There ain't no such thing as a free lunch.

Eighth Corollary to Murphy's Law: It is impossible to make anything foolproof because fools are so ingenious.

Iron Law of Distribution: Them that has, gets.

Truman's Law: If you cannot convince the, confuse them.

Newton's Little-Known Seventh Law: A bird in the hand is safer than one overhead.

The Aquinas Axiom: What the gods get away with, the cows don't.

The Murphy Philosophy: Smile ... tomorrow will be worse.

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Terrific Trivia

by Craig Beresford

- 1. What is the name of the woman who appears with James Garner in those camera commercials?
- 2. How many actors have played James Bond?
- 3. What university did Henry Blake attend?
- 4. How many bits in a byte?
- 5. What subject was taught by Mr. Chips?
- 6. What was Gulliver's first name?
- 7. Blake was on first, Flynn was on third, but who was at bat?
- 8. What is the last line in the movie "Gone With The Wind?"
- 9. Who coined the Maxwell House slogan, "good to the last drop?"
- 10. Who narrated "The Grinch Who Stole Christmas?"
- 11. What was the name of Elwood P. Dowd's lapine friend?
- 12. What is a lycanthrope?
- 13. What is the Ayatollah Khomeini's first name?
- 14. What was the name of Bill Davis' British valet?
- 15. What was the name of Dudley Do-Right's horse?
- 16. Who lived in the village of Puddleby-on-the-Marsh?
- 17. What was Li'l Abner's hometown?
- 18. In "The Little Rascals," what was Alfalfa's full name?
- 19. Who invented Flubber?

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Coming Events

January

School Opens

School Board Meeting 8:00

15 Bloodmobile - Moreland 1-7

16-18 Student Council Candy Sale

18 School closes at end of work day

These huge letters were made by Greg Bass and Rob Towns. They stood in the Stadium and helped cheer the Raiders on to victory. They are now at Thornton, hopefully they will do as well for the hockey team as they did for football.



Nord Search

by Ken Dixon

In the puzzle below are the names of many Rock groups. Your job is to find as many as you can, write them down, and put them in the box marked word search in the library. The person finding the most name will appear in the next issue. Good Luck.

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Excel Adopts an Orphanage

by Mara Sidney

The Excel Program is now in the process of planning an Adopt-an-Orphanage program. It will involve the Metzenbaum Center, a temporary residence for abused, abandoned, and neglected children. The children stay there until they are able to return home or until a foster February home is found for them.

Once the final plans are made, student volunteers will go to the Metzenbaum Center on Saturdays and Sundays. There, they will work with the children on crafts, field trips, or any other 1. Mariette Hartley recreation the center has 2. Five planned. The Excel planning 3. U of Illinois committee will also give a 4. Two holiday party for the children. 5. Latin The center wants students who 6. Lemual are willing to make strong 7. Casey commitments to the program since the children could become attached to the volunteers and would become upset if they did not continue to come. Anyone interested in becoming part of the Adopt-an-Orphanage program should contact Mrs. McGovern at the Excel center. Those interested may attend a field trip to the Metzenbaum Center which might help them decide whether or not they want to volunteer their help.

Schedule

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

December

Shaw - Away

Garfield - Away

8 Parma - Home

12 Valley Forge - Away

15 Cleveland Heights - Home

19 Lakewood - Away

January

10 Normandy - Home

15 St. Joseph Acad. - Away

17 Shaw - Home

24 Garfield - Home

31 Parma - Away

2 Valley Forge - Home

6 Cleveland Heights - Away

13 Lakewood - Home

16 Normandy - Away

Trivia Answers

8. "After all, tomorrow is another day"

9. Theodore Roosevelt

Boris Karloff

11. Harvey

12. A werewolf

13. Ruhollah

14. Mr. Giles French

15. Horse

16. Dr. Dolittle

17. Dogpatch

18. Carl Switzer

19. Professor Ned Brainard

Hockey Team Readies Swim Team For X-mas Tourney Has Potential

Field Hockey Graduate

by Blake Martin

This year's swim team promises to be one of Shaker's strongest in years. The loss of relatively few good seniors and the addition of many new swimmers is a definite plus. Swimming coach Peter Linn has nothing but praise for his new swimmers. The extraordinary crop of sophomores features Gardner Goodridge, Mark Genger, John Sauerland, Jim Powers, Bill Watson, Paul Walker, John Dreyfuss, Scott Kiker, Andy Blackhurst, and John Beesley. The team also has obtained another new swimmer; transfer student Andy Hardis.

The team did lose a few skilled seniors, some of whom placed in last year's state meet. The list of these tough competitors includes Jerry Koleski, Paul Tucker, Dave Hertz, Chris Upson, John Kruse, Jim Duncan (diver), Scott Morrison, and Peter Westrop. This loss, however, is balanced by many fine returning lettermen, including seniors Joel Soloman, Ken Bomberg, Ron Robbins, Dave Kruse and Dave Chew (diver). Robbins holds Shaker's all-time record for 100 yard breast stroke. Some strong returning junior lettermen are

Girls' Basketball Begins Season

by Miriam Pickus

The Girls' Basketball team began its season with a scrimmage at Beaumont. No score was kept; it was played so that the girls could gain some experience.

The girls then played J.F.K. Monday, November 11. Our gals won 25-22. Both varsity and junior varsity members played in that contest.

The next scrimmage was with Collinwood. The final score was 33-49. This was the final tune-up before the first regular season game against Shaw.

The girls play a total of 15 games, including a double round in the L.E.L. and a game against Saint Joseph Academy.

Scott Blackhurst, Eric Siegel, Mike Duffet, Jamie Gannon, and Lee Hertz (diver). All of these competitive young men contributed to last year's efforts and will be called upon again this season.

Coach Linn has high hopes because his new swimmers have improved tremendously under his new training program. Swimming is a very demanding sport for those who want to excel. To improve this year's record, Coach Linn started the swimmers early, playing water polo and lifting weights. Now, these dedicated guys are swimming an average of 40,000 yards per week, and attending two practices a day. Coach Linn hopes that his methods will help crush opposing teams and will send quite a few Shaker swimmers to this year's state meet to place and win. Good luck, swim team!

by Macke Bentley

The 1979-80 hockey team has a 4-1 record so far this season. In the home opener, Shaker squeezed by Euclid 5-4 in overtime. Macke Bentley scored twice with Dave Wipper and Mike Berg adding one each. Sophomore Kevin Mallin scored the game winner in the overtime period.

Next the Raiders faced the powerful Heights Tigers. After a very close two periods the Tigers took control and overpowered Shaker by a 5-3 score. Dave Wipper, Macke Bentley, and Mike Berg each scored one.

Kent was Shaker's next foe. Shaker outmuscled Kent with an 8-2 score and Dave Wipper, Mike Sload and Mike Berg each scored twice to lead the team.

In Shaker's first game away they faced the Normandy Invaders. With a slow but steady start Shaker pounded the

Invaders by a 10-2 count. Mike Calhoun, Dave Wipper and Mike Sload each scored twice for the Red Raiders.

Garfield next invaded the Red Raiders' den. Garfield played a very aggressive game, taking many penalties. Shaker quickly jumped out to a 6-0 lead and ended the game 10-3. David Wipper scored an impressive four goals while Macke Bentley had five assists.

The Thornton Holiday Tournament starts December 27 with Shaker playing Centerville, a rematch of last year's State Championship Finals. Bowling Green, Cleveland Heights, Bay Village, Kent, Upper Arlington, and Padua are also entered.

Basketball Undefeated

by Macke Bentley

Under the direction of the new head coach, Don Gacey, the Shaker High Basketball team has an impressive 3-0 record.

In the home opener Shaker whipped a stubborn Warrensville team by a score of 83-55. Kevin Newbill and Kenny Roy played very well in the win.

Against Garfield the team showed how to use the fast break with strong rebounding, as well as heads up play to win.

Cleveland Heights was the team's latest victim. The score was a convincing 66-59 with Kevin Newbill, Orlando Lowry and Ken Roy playing. Coach Gacey received strong bench support from Bob Williams and James Tait. Eric Smith and Steve Murphy round out the cast along with Mike Adams, Tommy Taylor, and David Payne.

Barely Misses Olympics Karen, whom Shaker field hockey coach Linda Betley calls

Karen Prochaska, a 1977 Shaker graduate, barely missed becoming a member of the 1980 United States Olympic Team.

by Miriam Pickus

Karen was an outstanding field hockey player for three years at Shaker, where she played right wing. She now attends Ohio State University, where for two years she played halfback and this year played fullback. It was at fullback that she almost placed on the national squad.

To make the U.S. field hockey team, one must progress from what is known as C Camp through B camp. A final cut in B Camp determines the women who will play on the national team.

her best player ever, never expected to make it as far as she did; she was happily surprised when she progressed to B Camp. Originally, the Ameridan team was to have 40 players, but the number was reduced to thirty just before the final cut. Karen was ranked thirty-second, only two players away from the cut-off.

The 1980 Games will be the first Olympics in which there will be a women's field hockey competition. Although Karen is not on the Olympic team, she hopes to try to make the American team next year and play international field hockey.

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